

Highest priority for Negev bases

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter has requested that the highest priority — code-named "DX Brickbat" — be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in constructing two new Israeli airbases in the Negev.

The management assistance contract must be filed by Tuesday, for example, and the Corps of Engineers will then interview the top three candidates and award the contract by May 4.

ports will not have to be built — as they were in Saudi Arabia when it began a massive construction programme. Johnson said the prime contractors for each base and for management assistance to the Corps of Engineers must be companies that are wholly American-owned, but that they may sub-contract with non-American companies as long as those companies are based in nations that have diplomatic relations with Israel.

South Lebanon quiet but tense Weizman: Haddad is a true patriot

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman expressed unequivocal support on Friday for Major Sa'ad Haddad, Christian commander who last week declared an autonomous mini-state in southern Lebanon, and called upon the Lebanese government to take "several serious steps" to free Lebanon from the PLO terrorists.

Haddad said that the roads were opened permanently as a result of an agreement reached with UNIFIL, but UN spokesman Hugo Rocha said the roads were opened for only two hours and that there was no such agreement.

that it was "the militias who opened fire." Haddad met with UNIFIL officers and Israeli liaison officers twice last week: once before dawn on Thursday and again on Friday. Sources close to the meeting said that UNIFIL had agreed to publicly exonerate Haddad's forces of having fired at the UN troops.

Weizman, speaking in an interview on Army Radio, called Haddad a "true Lebanese patriot," like the Lebanese Christian militias in north Lebanon, who also object to the presence of Palestinian Arabs and terrorists in their country.

Rocha also said that UNIFIL is in contact with UN headquarters in New York about a demand made by the man's relatives for compensation. He said the relatives had vowed to start a blood feud with the Dutch forces unless a sukha (reconciliation) with its ensuing compensation payment was arranged.

But this was vehemently denied by Rocha, who told The Jerusalem Post that UNIFIL stands by its version of the events.



in election official points out to voters at Urungwe in northern Rhodesia how to mark their ballot paper with the aid of a poster designed to help black voters, many of whom are illiterate. (UPI telephoto)

End of an era in Rhodesia 60% vote for majority black rule

ALIBURY. — A week that ended in Rhodesia closed last night with black buglers sounding a treat in memory of a referendum which saw a massive vote of confidence in a black majority rule.

ly white, stood to attention in the grounds of the president's mansion in suburban Salisbury to hear the sounding of the retreat and watch the lowering of the green and white flag of white-run Rhodesia.

Zambia on five separate missions. A brief war communiqué said all the aircraft returned safely to base, underlining Rhodesia's apparent freedom of the Southern African skies.

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The ceremony was staged as results flowed in from the country's first one-man, one-vote election which will install a black-dominated government after 58 years and seven months of white supremacy.

He said if the current changes did not yield international recognition, Rhodesia could hold the security situation indefinitely.

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As he spoke, the military announced that Rhodesian warplanes had streaked into neighbouring Mozambique to pound Communist-supplied guerrilla targets in Gaza province on the road to Maputo, the capital.

In Bulawayo on Thursday, more (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Kremlin seeking 'most-favoured nation' status Surprise release for 5 Jews jailed as Prisoners of Zion



Clockwise from upper left, Boris Penson, Wolf Zalmanson, Hillel Butman and Anatoly Altman, four of the five Prisoners of Zion paroled by Moscow on Friday. Missing is Leib Khnokh.

MOSCOW. — Five Prisoners of Zion, convicted in 1970 of attempting to steal a Soviet plane in order to be able to emigrate to Israel, have been given surprise pardons and releases from Soviet jails by personal order of President Leonid Brezhnev.

Begin gave U.S. President Jimmy Carter a list of Prisoners of Zion while in Washington last month to sign the peace treaty with Egypt.

U.S. officials said that emigration statistics for the first three months of 1979, showed that nearly 50,000 Jews may be allowed out of the Soviet Union this year.

But Jewish activist circles in Moscow were cautious last night about expressing optimism that the five releases — plus a spate of exit visas issued to several other Prisoners of Zion — signalled a turnaround in Soviet policy on Jewish emigration.

He said that such a waiver would amount to using the amendment instead of revoking it, but added that during a meeting last week with Premier Leonid Kosygin, the Soviet leader called the use of the waiver an "inadequate but constructive step."

U.S. and Israel sign trade agreement

A trade agreement between Israel and the U.S. was signed on Friday at the end of the two-day visit of the U.S. Trade Mission to Israel and Egypt headed by Special Ambassador Robert S. Strauss.

David Durenberger, together with high-ranking U.S. government officials and businessmen, spent two days in both Egypt and Israel, "to get a first, intelligent impression of what the U.S. can do to encourage private investment in the two countries."

He said the authorities were "doing all they can to speed and ease the formalities" to issue the exit visas the Jews had sought so long.

Western observers in Moscow said the Kremlin has been trying to improve its relations with the U.S. while the two countries near agreement on a Strategic Arms Limitation Pact, and they linked the surprise Moscow moves to that impending agreement.

Still in prison for the hijacking attempt are Zalmanson's brother-in-law Eduard Kuznetsov and Mark Dymshits, who were both originally sentenced to death but had their sentences commuted to 15 years.

Activists meeting with the congressmen in Moscow said on Friday that they told the delegates not to be afraid to normalize relations with China while keeping restrictions on the Soviet Union.

Cairo picks diplomat for Sinai ceremony

CAIRO (AP). — Sa'ad Afra, an officer in the 1948 war with Israel and now a veteran diplomat, will head Egypt's delegation to the Sinai ceremony at which Egypt and Israel will exchange peace-treaty documents of ratification.

Afra, in his mid-50s, was formerly Egypt's ambassador to Poland and then to Yugoslavia. He made his debut in political life in 1938 after participating in the army's "Free Officers" movement that toppled the monarchy in 1952.

Egypt reports 99.9% vote for treaty, internal reform

CAIRO. — Egypt's Anwar Sadat yesterday issued a decree dissolving parliament as a result of a near-unanimous vote in favour of his domestic political reform programme.

which starts with the dissolution of parliament, received a 99.9 per cent majority. Official final returns were 9,900,871 "yes" votes, 10,217 "no" votes and 9,772 voided ballots.

10,000 march in anti-Nazi protest

STRASBOURG, France (Reuter). — About 10,000 people paraded through the streets of this eastern French city to protest against attempts to end Nazi war-crimes trials.

Begin hails Sadat referendum triumph

Jerusalem Post Staff Prime Minister Menachem Begin, upon learning of the results of the Egyptian national referendum on the peace treaty with Israel, telephoned President Anwar Sadat and congratulated him on his victory.

Weizman and Eitan to Cairo today

By IRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent Defence Minister Ezer Weizman will be leaving for Cairo aboard an air force jet this morning for three days of talks with his Egyptian counterparts. The minister may also meet with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Saguy, and the chief of the Israeli delegation to the joint Israeli-Egyptian military committee, Tal-Aluf Dov Sion. Weizman and Eitan are taking their wives with them.

Arab gunmen face Belgian court

BRUSSELS (JTA). — The two Arab terrorists responsible for the Brussels airport attack last week, Khaled Dayek Dokh and Mahmud Hussein, were yesterday officially charged with attempted homicide.

carried out the April 18 attack at Brussels airport, which wounded 16 people, including a number of children.

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HOME NEWS

Dayan will not explain Golan views to Likud

By SARAH HONIG, Post Political Reporter. It now appears that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who is due to leave tomorrow for a tour to Nepal, Burma and Thailand, will not appear before the Likud Knesset faction.

The faction had invited Dayan to meet with it to clarify his recent statements regarding the future of the Golan. Also invited to the meeting was Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Likud MKs had expressed considerable displeasure at the fact that Begin did not immediately take Dayan to task for his words and disassociate the government from them. Begin is expected to attend the meeting, which has been scheduled for the Knesset on Tuesday afternoon.

Dayan's pronouncements, which sent waves of consternation through most parties, were made when he appeared before Jordan Valley settlers at Tomer. He was understood by most of his listeners to imply that a future withdrawal from the Golan and the dismantling of the Jewish settlements there is possible.

The invitation for Dayan to appear before the committee was handed to him by Likud faction chairman Avraham Shbarir, and a "difficult conversation" is reported to have taken place at their meeting. All attempts by the faction to fix a date which would be convenient for Dayan failed and he made it clear

that he would not be available on any date. Dayan is said to have been angered by the repeated invitations to appear before the committee. He had previously been invited following other controversial pronouncements, most notably in the case of his statements concerning the PLO several months ago.

At that time, Dayan did indeed present himself before the Likud Knesset faction. This time, however, he is said to have bucked, stressing that he is not a faction member and therefore is not bound to appear.

Meanwhile, Herut's firebrand Genia Cohen on Friday requested that the Knesset again debate the issue of the peace treaty with Egypt. She contended that the first time around, the Knesset had been misled on two subjects — the status of Jerusalem and the Golan.

Dayan caused another political stir last week, in his talk at Kibbutz Or Haner. He declared that he was to be appointed to handle the autonomy negotiations, the issue could be concluded successfully in one year. This incensed Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who has been named head of the Ministerial committee for the autonomy talks. At an NRP executive meeting at Elkana in Samaria the next day, Burg ridiculed Dayan's statement, and said the autonomy question was far more complex and crucial than was made out by Dayan.

A Shomron (Samaria) regional council, embracing six settlements in the area, was formally instituted on Thursday at a ceremony at Kedumim attended by Interior Minister Burg.

Kibbutz leaders rap Dayan on Golan

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Kibbutz Meuhad leaders on Friday criticized Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Labour Party dove Yossi Sarid for raising the possibility of a withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for peace with Syria.

Expressions of such an eventuality can only give force to Arab and U.S. pressures on Israel. They are contrary to the national consensus that Israel must remain with defensible borders following peace arrangements, the kibbutz movement of the Labour Party's ex-Ahud

Ha'avoda wing said in a statement. The Kibbutz Meuhad also requested an urgent meeting of the Labour Party's political committee to define a binding outline of policy on the forthcoming "autonomy" negotiations.

However, Labour's ultra-dovish "Young Guard" faction on Friday published a declaration welcoming the idea of a Jordan-linked Palestinian Arab state in Judea-Samaria areas which Israel would vacate. But they added that "the Jordan river will remain Israel's defence border, established by security measures and settlement on land."

Haifa police arrest seven in late-night drugs swoop

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA. — Seven people suspected of drug-trafficking were arrested by the Haifa police in a swoop on Thursday night. The seven, including two women, were brought on Friday morning before a magistrate, who remanded the men for 15 days and the women for seven, to enable the police to continue with their inquiries.

Police spokesman Ady Gonen told The Jerusalem Post that a routine patrol had spotted an "over-luxurious looking" car on Thursday afternoon and asked the three men inside it to identify themselves. The men gave their names, one of which rang a bell among the policemen as being on the Haifa police wanted list. The police asked the men to accompany them to headquarters and after IL90,000 in cash was spotted in

the car, decided to let them go, but trailed them. The trio drove to Carmiel, and entered a flat. At two o'clock in the morning, the car and its three occupants left again, heading in the direction of Tel Aviv, and was stopped by an ambush just south of Haifa.

One of the men was seen throwing a "finger" of dope out of the window, police said. Meanwhile, the constables at Carmiel entered the flat and arrested its four occupants, including the two women. Altogether the arrests yielded 15 grams of heroin, 600 grams of hashish, a large quantity of LSD and other tablets, police said, as well as two small scales commonly used by drug peddlars to weigh dope. The suspects, from Ashdod, Carmiel and Haifa, include a sailor, an Ashdod port stevedore, and an export vegetable merchant.

No strike; universities reopen today

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter. Classes at the country's universities will resume as scheduled this morning at the end of the Pessah vacation, as a result of an interim weekend agreement on lecturers' wage demands reached by academic staff, university heads and the Treasury.

A strike planned to start today was prevented by meetings between Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and the university heads on Friday and between university heads and representatives of the lecturers' coordinating committee last night.

At the second meeting, chaired by Nahum Orli, chief labour relations commissioner at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the lecturers agreed to call off their threatened strike in exchange for an advance amounting to 10 per cent of their salaries retroactive to April 1978. This means that in their April paycheques they will receive a 140 per cent addition to their normal salaries.

An official announcement, the parties to the dispute agreed to begin "intensive negotiations" in order to reach a final settlement within two or three weeks. Orli told The Jerusalem Post that with the Treasury agreeing to pay such a large advance, "it is likely that a final settlement can indeed be reached within the allotted time."

'Diaspora-Israel ties stronger than ever'

Jerusalem Post Staff. The bonds between Israel and the Diaspora have proved far stronger than he ever imagined and are in no danger of loosening, Jerusalem Prize winner Sir Isaiah Berlin told a press conference on Thursday — and as reported in Friday's Jerusalem Post.

Sir Isaiah said that at one time he had thought the creation of the State of Israel would work in favour of greater assimilation, but that the contrary had proved to be the case. He also said he had long disagreed with the view expressed by Arthur Koestler advocating assimilation for non-Zionists.

Contrary to the report in Friday's Post, he does not believe the distinction between Zionists and non-Zionist Jews will grow as time goes on, he informed The Post over the weekend.

End of an era in Rhodesia

(Continued from Page 1) than 1,500 blacks gave a hero's welcome to another guerrilla who also surrendered in order to vote for the new black government. Clement Ngunwenya told reporters at a polling station that he had returned for majority rule. "Majority rule means that we are now free," he said, "so how can I still fight in the bush."

In a totally unprecedented manner, the Rhodesian government has turned the war-wagging country into a glass house — open to the close inspection of about 70 international observers and 200 correspondents here for the elections.

Press censorship has been dropped, visitors can go wherever they wish — at their own risk — and local civilian and military officials are talking on the record with a frankness never before witnessed. Resident western correspondents, accustomed to many a censorship, are hearing things said officially that were taboo heretofore though known unofficially.

The government is not telling or showing all, but it is hiding relatively little. It has arranged daily trips by army plane, helicopter, armoured vehicle and truck to guerrilla-infested remote corners of Rhodesia scarcely under its control, as well as to protected black villages and white farming and urban areas still firmly within its sphere of influence.

The obvious objective of this open-door policy is to convince the West that the current elections are indeed "free and fair" and that the new black government should be given recognition and economic sanctions should be lifted.

Visiting newsmen have seen obedient farm labourers, driven to the rural booths by their white bosses in trucks and flatbeds, lined up by the hundreds waiting patiently to vote. And they have watched thousands of residents in the protected villages turn out under the protection of armed guards.

But visitors have also been taken to see empty polling stations in tribal trust lands — or African reserves — where guerrillas opposed to the elections have succeeded in keeping hundreds of thousands of blacks away. Predictably, the abstention is blamed on "terrorist intimidation" of the local population rather than the positive grassroots support for the guerrillas.

The heavy turnout by black voters in Rhodesia's extended elections gives new momentum to a push in the U.S. Senate to lift economic sanctions — a move that could damage President Jimmy Carter's prestige at home and shatter his efforts to



Robert Strauss, head of the special U.S. trade delegation to Israel, signs trade agreement with Israel on Friday. Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Gideon Faxit is standing on the far left, Senator Abraham Ribicoff is next to him and an aide is standing just behind Strauss.

U.S., Israel trade accord

(Continued from Page 1) senators, he believed that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives will respond favourably. Stronger economies in both Israel and Egypt, he said, will strengthen the peace between the two countries, and the U.S. has a vital interest in expanding that peace so as to embrace the region as a whole.

The present arrangement calls for Israel to receive \$30 million in aid — \$800 million in the form of a grant and the other \$220 million as a loan repayable with a nine per cent interest rate. Israel is requesting \$1.5 billion as a grant and the rest as a loan on easier terms. Ribicoff said that the repayment of the loan at its present interest rate would be a heavy burden on the Israeli economy, and that he would

therefore support Israel's request to have the terms lightened.

The trade agreement between the U.S. and Israel will contribute to a reduction of the trade gap between the two countries. It deals not only with tariff reductions but also with the elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade, such as codes of standards and others.

Strauss reportedly emphasized that the short-term mission he headed was only the beginning of a process designed to increase economic cooperation between the U.S. on the one hand and Israel and Egypt on the other. "We have not come here to arouse exaggerated expectations," he said, "but to open the first pages in a great book that will be written in the years to come."

Sadat tells senators he admires Begin's courage

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Prime Minister Menachem Begin received a special message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Friday — transmitted by Senator Abraham Ribicoff, a member of the senior U.S. trade delegation which has finished visits in Israel and Egypt.

According to members of the delegation, Sadat told Ribicoff that Begin's visit to Cairo had created closer personal relations between the two leaders and that Begin is a courageous man — the only one who could have led Israel to peace.

In his meeting with the delegation, Begin surveyed the developments which had led to the signature of the peace treaty. He told the delegation that after his meeting with Sadat and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Beirut on May 27, they will go together to Beersheba. At the meeting, Begin said they will declare the opening of the borders between the countries, with an open air corridor between Egypt and Israel.

Begin expressed his hope that the Arab rejection front will ultimately join the peace process. This development must be awaited patiently, but in the meantime, he said, Egypt and Israel will create the foundations of peace.

The prime minister stressed the importance of U.S. help in the economic sphere, particularly with regard to investments. Israel, he said, has a free market economy and will do all it can to remove obstacles in the path of private investors.

Begin asked the members of the mission to transmit to U.S. President Carter Israel's request to ease the terms on the U.S. post-treaty aid to Israel.

Israel, Begin explained, had assumed high risks in making peace with Egypt, and the deployment in the Negev and the relocation of the Yamit area settlements had been a great burden. He therefore requested Special Ambassador Richard Strauss and Senators Ribicoff and David Durenberger to support Israel's requests in Congress.

Strauss promised to transmit these requests to Carter, and added that Carter had intentionally asked that the mission be composed of high-level representatives of government and business, including the two senators who are members of the U.S. Senate's Finance Committee. Ribicoff said there was great support in the U.S. for a policy aimed at doing everything to make peace a lasting reality.

Ehrlich to propose new public-expenditure cuts

Post Economics Reporter. Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich will soon present the government with a new economic plan based on "far-reaching cuts in public expenditure." Ehrlich, speaking on Friday to the 31st annual convention of the Maccabi organization in Ramat Gan, also said that peace with Egypt will place additional burdens on the country's economy.

Ehrlich said that the aim of the public expenditure cuts would be to free resources for the construction work that would take place in the Negev over the next five years. He added that cutting expenditure was preferable to the apparently easier solution of collecting more taxes.

Referring to the economic problems of peace, Ehrlich said that

even if the southern front ceased to be active, Israel would still have to maintain military preparedness. Meanwhile, the Negev would be settled, not only with military personnel, but also, in line with Begin's Gurion's vision, with tens of thousands of civilians.

Turning to the troubled labor market front, Ehrlich said that the government had from the outset taken the line that it will not accept Histadrut ultimatums — such as Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meisel's recent demand for full linkage of tax brackets and price inflation. He said that the Likud government, far from criminalizing among economic elements, is trying to redress distortions created by former governments.

Arkia ground staff declare flights stoppage today

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Arkia ground staff were due to begin a strike this morning that will hit the internal airlines' operations. Arkia's members will meet this morning to discuss joining the work action.

However Israel Roth, Arkia's general manager, told The Jerusalem Post last night that he "had not received any notification whatsoever of any kind of sanctions" and had also not been informed by the Histadrut of any work stoppage.

A spokesman for Arkia's employees told The Post last night that they were not going on strike — which, he said, would imply bringing pressure to bear on management — but rather "ceasing company activities," as current conditions do not permit safe operation.

The spokesman said that workers had waited patiently, beyond the February deadline, the ministerial committee appointed by the prime minister to complete work. Action had been withheld until after the Pessah holiday so as not to inconvenience the public, he said.

El Al exploits its formal owners — the bulk of Arkia in order to prevent a de facto takeover by the Histadrut. The Histadrut is charged, following the loss of its important Sinai route after the peninsula's return to Egypt. Arkia strongly needed alternative lines, such as Ben-Gurion-Cairo flight, he said, the cost of which would be borne by the cost of dependent financing, optimal routes for existing planes, suitable equipment were assured with the industry.

Despite TA worker 'freeze,' one hired for every one fired

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The number of workers in the Tel Aviv municipality has remained roughly the same — despite large-scale job cuts and the 514-job "freeze" specified in the city's new budget, the chairman of the Municipal Workers Organization Theodora (Teddy) Kaufman said yesterday.

Kaufman explained that while some temporary workers are discharged when the tasks they are hired for are completed, the same number of workers are hired for other temporary tasks.

As for the municipality's intention, announced in February, to fire 30 social workers, Kaufman said not one has been fired. "Those who were discharged were rehired elsewhere," he said, "continuing to work."

Moreover, the municipality has "thawed" 26 "frozen" posts of social workers, so even more of them are now being hired, he said. Presenting the new budget in February, Mayor Shlomo Lahav informed the financial committee that many temporary workers would be discharged after a thorough examination of all municipal

departments and that retiring social workers would not be replaced. A week earlier, Deputy Mayor David Schiffman had announced that thousands of municipal workers should be fired, in order to eliminate the latent unemployment plague of the municipality.

Kaufman said scores of temporary workers leave municipal employment every month. "What's the point of hiring workers for eight months and then firing them?" he asked. "How can anyone work properly if the talk of discharging workers is hanging over their heads?"

Municipal services manager Pinhas Lahav told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that dismissed municipal workers do not work in hospitals, schools, old folks' homes and other municipal institutions, which were suffering from a shortage of personnel and would be deprived of workers.

Lahav said the city intends to pay the behavior of approximately 200 municipal workers, from the culture, youth and sports departments immediately after Independence Day.

Wild chase leads to arrest of convict

Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA. — An absentee Kfar Sava inmate who stole a taxi in Kiryat Beza on Friday morning was caught in Haifa a few hours later after a wild chase in which he was shot and slightly wounded by his pursuers.

Rafel Samir, 18, absent without leave from Beersheba flat, hit and injured a five-year-old girl and collided with five parked cars during the chase.

Police here said that at noon on Friday they heard a Kfar Sava police alert of the robbery of a white Mercedes taxi at knife-point. Half an hour after the alert, a Haifa police patrol spotted the car entering the city and gave chase.

Samir then drove the taxi at breakneck speed into Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer quarter, where it hit the five cars and drove onto a pavement to more injure the girl. He continued until he lost control of the steering wheel, came to a stop in a ditch, and tried to get out of the ditch.

Samir then jumped out of the taxi and fled, police said, ignoring design stop and warning shots. The car stables then shot at him, wounding him in the leg and arm. Samir had fallen to return to his car, where he is serving a two-year term. A dagger, which he used in stealing the taxi was in his possession, police said.

Police here said they found the taxi, but they turned over the car to passengers. One had given a lift by Samir and the other had picked up as a paying fare.

PRISONERS

(Continued from Page 1) of the released prisoners to notify journalists, said in his telephone call to Rige that he plans to be in Israel before April 30. And Boris Pesonen, whose mother, Grace, a Natanya resident, has been actively seeking his release since her emigration in 1976, called his mother to tell her he'd be in Israel within two weeks.

Post Reporter Avraham Yehel adds: Mrs. Pesonen told The Post that when her son called she told him that after all these years in a prison camp, he should be careful when he crosses the street in the big city. And she said he answered, "Trust me, mother, I'll be with you in two weeks."

PLO man cancels talks, leaves U.S.

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Shlomo Hout, director of the PLO's Education Organization's operations, who had received a "restricted visa" from the Department to speak and to cancel meetings in Chicago, has left the country.

Hout was to have addressed the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and met with editors of the Chicago Tribune. He had said on Tuesday that he would be in the city for a few days, and "The Tribune" did not explain his cancellations appointment with the paper.

Hout had met with Princeton, Columbia, Harvard and Yale universities. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has jurisdiction over the entry of aliens into the U.S., had granted a waiver of Hout's entry at the Department's request, allowing him to spend three weeks in the U.S.

Five remanded for invading school

By YORAM BAR, Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Five youths, ages 15 and 17, on Friday were remanded for 10 days on suspicion of breaking into a classroom in Tel Aviv's municipal Aleph high school, beating pupils and robbing four of them of their electronic watches.

However, one of the youths escaped in the confusion which erupted when the police were talking the youths out of the courthouse. Families of the five were at the scene, shouting at and pushing the police.

The five youths were arrested a few hours after they broke into the school, with police acting on a description obtained from one of the robbed pupils.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that because of a sharp increase in crime by youths in Tel Aviv schools, pupils have decided to establish pupil patrols. These will operate jointly with the Civil Guard to protect pupils and school property during school hours.

IGS THIS WEEK. Lotto draw 17/79. Minimum total prizes fund: IL2,000,000. Subject to reserutinny. Tomorrow is the last day for buying in Lotto entries. The draw is on Tuesday, April 24 at 12 noon. The public is invited.

The Weather at Main SWISSAIR Destinations. Table with columns for city, min, max, and weather. Cities include Amsterdam, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Montreal, New York, Oslo, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Toronto, Vancouver, Vienna, Zurich.

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Partly cloudy. Table with columns for city, yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's weather. Cities include Jerusalem, Golan, Nahariya, Safed, Haifa Port, Tiberias, Nazareth, Afula, Shomron, Tel Aviv, B-G Airport, Jericho, Gaza, Beersheba, Eilat, Tiran Straits.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL. Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin will address the English-language dinner club at ZOIA House, Tel Aviv, at 8 p.m. today.

Two Ramot road protesters arrested. Jerusalem Post Reporter. Two religious demonstrators were arrested yesterday after about a dozen demonstrators had pelted traffic and policemen with stones along the new road to Jerusalem's northern suburb of Ramot.

Linguistic computer conference at kibbutz. Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — An international conference on the use of the computer in literary and linguistic research opens today at Kibbutz Shefatim north of Tel Aviv.

Bomb defused in J'lem. An explosive device was discovered near the Old City's Jaffa Gate around 7:30 p.m. yesterday. Sappers defused the bomb after police closed off traffic and removed bystanders from the area. (Itim)

AET CONTEST. The Education Ministry is holding an art contest for schoolchildren on "Safety and prudence in everyday life." Entries for the competition, part of Israel's "Year of the Child" activities, should be sent to the Art Archives of the Education Ministry, 80 Rehov Haniv'im, Jerusalem, before July 1.

ATTENTION U.N. PEACEKEEPERS. Am writing a book on your good efforts. Would like to hear your side, and I would be glad to send books, magazines, stamps as a form of my thanks for doing a great job. Write to: Stephen F. Cohen, U.N. Military Historian, 214 E. 51st St., New York, N.Y. 10022, USA.

TO ALL OVERSEAS BUYERS. This is to remind you of the opening of The 3rd Israel Jewellery and Giftware Optica Fair, April 22-25, Tel Aviv Hilton. Please present your business card.

Ter gelegenheid van de verjaardag van Hare Majesteit Koningin Juliana. zullen Hr. M. Ambassadeur en Mevrouw Artens gaarne de leden van de Nederlandse gemeenschap in Israel ontvangen op maandag 30 april van 3.30 — 5.30 p.m. in de tuin van de ambtswoning, 12 Rehov Balfour te Jerusalem.

The above is a notice in Dutch to Dutch citizens in Israel.

Dr. IDA LANDAU, the widow of Prof. Jacob Landau, has passed away. The funeral will leave today, April 23, from the East funeral parlour in Jerusalem, at 5:00 p.m.

Khomeini ignores purge protest

TEHRAN. — While leftists shouting "purge, purge" demonstrated against Iran's Islamic revolutionary committees yesterday, the state radio reported the committees had executed three more former Iranian soldiers. And the leader of the Islamic revolution, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, indicated that he would not disband the committees.

Khomeini, 78, met with heads of 14 Tehran committees and advocated reform to "expel corrupt individuals." But he said he would not "set aside the revolutionary guardmen to leave the door open for the enemy."

The radio identified the three men executed as Lt. Gen. Fazlollah Jafari, who was the deputy head of the state police, Col. Mohammed Tagui, a one-time head of the shah's Savak secret police in Shiraz, and an unnamed enlisted man who was executed for killing anti-shah

demonstrators in Kermanshah.

In Washington, State Department officials confirmed that the U.S. was ready to allow the shah and his family to move to the U.S., but they said that such a move could not come until relations with Tehran had been normalized. They said the U.S. is striving for such relations and confirmed a "New York Times" report that said the current U.S. ambassador to Zaire would be nominated as the ambassador to Iran.

In the latest turmoil, some 30 persons were killed and 100 wounded in clashes Friday between Turkish-speaking inhabitants of the Iranian Kurdistan town of Nagadeh and Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy for their west Iran province.

The fighting erupted when several thousand members of the Kurdish Democratic Party held a rally outside their headquarters. It was considered by observers the worst out-

break of violence in a Kurdish city since Iranian troops were forced into battle with rebel Kurds in the main Kurdish city of Sanadaj last month. More than 600 people were killed and several thousand wounded during those battles.

Meanwhile, Iranian oil chief Hassan Nazih yesterday admitted that foreign technicians are refusing to return to the country's oil industry because they fear for their safety. Nazih said that the technicians were needed for smooth operation of the most important industry in Iran.

Nazih didn't mention that the government has decided to close Iran's last alcoholic-beverage plant, refusing to allow alcohol even for ceremonial use by the few non-Muslims in the country. The authorities have ordered all the alcoholic-beverage plants in the country to close down or to start producing fruit juice. (UPI, AP, Reuter)



Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher shakes hands with a clown outside Conservative Party headquarters in London. (UPI/teletype)

Rumour of Carter plan for Irish sparks UK row

DUBLIN (UPI). — Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas "Tip" O'Neill went golfing in the west of Ireland yesterday after sparking controversy in Britain and stirring a flurry of speculation in Dublin on a possible American peace initiative in Northern Ireland.

O'Neill's one-day visit to Northern Ireland on Friday, during which he met Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders, sparked newspaper speculation yesterday that the U.S. might be ready to help end 10 years of Ulster violence.

The "Irish Independent" newspaper said O'Neill's visit might stimulate a new peace initiative.

"It has been said that President Carter is behind the visit," the newspaper said. "Whether it is so or not, the U.S. delegation should at least bring back the facts and hopefully a new initiative."

O'Neill, in a Dublin newspaper interview on Friday, accused Britain of using Northern Ireland as "a political football," while warmly endorsing the Irish Republic.

The 68-year-old Massachusetts Democrat, heading a party of 15 congressmen on a five-day visit to the Irish Republic, was scheduled to spend the weekend in County Clare before leaving for the U.S. tomorrow.

Political observers believed O'Neill would report fully to Carter on his trip when he returned home. But O'Neill himself did nothing to stir speculation of an American

peace initiative, describing his visit as the invitation of Irish Premier Jack Lynch as a private trip to gather information.

U.S. embassy officials described O'Neill's visit as a "low-key, fact-finding mission."

However, in London, O'Neill was caught in the centre of a blast of criticism from British political leaders and editorial writers for his remarks.

Conservative opposition leader Margaret Thatcher, ahead in the opinion polls to be Britain's next prime minister, said, "We have never used Ulster as a political football" between the parties.

Speaking for the outgoing Labour government, Education Secretary Shirley Williams said O'Neill was being "unfair." She said Irish-American critics still thought the situation in Ireland was the same as a century ago.

The political denials, given by headlines on all media, and a rash of critical newspaper editorials in London, signalled the first time Northern Ireland has emerged in the current campaign for elections May 3.

Two London newspapers urged O'Neill to go home.

A stepped up series of IRA attacks on British and local security personnel coinciding with the campaign and resulting in 12 killings, drew little or no comment from British political leaders.

Hongkong lets 600 'boat people' land

HONGKONG (AP). — Nearly 600 Vietnam refugees stranded on a dilapidated vessel in Hongkong waters for the past week landed on this British Crown colony yesterday.

Clutching their meager belongings, the 571 refugees — 341 adults and 230 children — on board the Ha Lung walked ashore silently without showing signs of emotion. They are being kept in a government dockyard pending investigation of their status.

The Ha Lung was anchored off a small island, some two miles southwest of Hongkong Island, after it forced its way into the colony's waters a week ago today in defiance of government warnings. Authorities had refused the refugees permission to land.

A spokesman said the government reversed its decision early yesterday after finding the vessel was "grossly overcrowded" and "unseaworthy."

Meanwhile some 2,000 Vietnamese refugees on board the Panamanian-registered Skyluck are still being denied permission to land. The Skyluck sneaked into Hongkong waters before dawn on February 7 in defiance of Hongkong's new shipping laws, which require an approaching vessel to inform the marine department in advance of the type of cargo and number of passengers it is carrying. There have been reports that authorities will soon let the refugees land in view of the approaching typhoon season.

There are some 20,000 Vietnamese refugees in Hongkong awaiting resettlement elsewhere.

U.S. officials forecast SALT-2 accord this week

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. and Soviet Union hope to complete negotiations this week on a new treaty to curb the nuclear arms race, and to announce a mid-May summit.

The treaty would be put before the U.S. Senate by June 1, and the ratification battle of the decade will begin.

Agendas similar to this have been drawn up and discarded for more than a year as the two sides have tackled various sticking points, only to have new problems arise or minor ones become major issues. This time, U.S. officials say, the long-awaited announcement of a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty,

SALT-II, could be delayed again — but not by more than a few days.

So much of the treaty has already been revealed in leaks and announcements during the six years of negotiations that revelation of its contents will be an anti-climax. For this reason, the administration's plan is to announce the summit first, followed by details of the treaty.

The final round of talks — six sessions in three weeks — are being held at the State Department between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin. The two met again on Friday afternoon and are scheduled to meet again early this week.

U.S. plans 100,000-man trouble force

NEW YORK. — The U.S. Defence Department is making "contingency plans" for a force of 100,000 troops that could be sent to sensitive areas where U.S. interests are at stake, the "New York Times" quoted "qualified Pentagon sources," reported on Friday.

The paper said that the planning covers the whole of the Middle East and the northwestern Pacific, but that the Persian Gulf "is regarded by the Defence Department as the most potentially explosive region."

Meanwhile, the Defence Department itself sought to minimize the report. A Pentagon spokesman said that "such reports pop up every now and again." He emphasized that U.S. forces are "always prepared to defend American interests in a non-NATO scenario." The spokesman denied any single development that could have contributed to the present report.

As for contingency planning, the spokesman referred to President Jimmy Carter's address of March 17, 1978 at Wake Forest College. In that speech Carter said: "The Secretary of Defence at my direction is improving and will maintain quickly deployable forces — air, land and sea — to defend our interests throughout the world." (UPI, JTA)

Uganda seeks \$2b. to heal sores left by Amin

KAMPALA (UPI). — Uganda's new government is seeking \$2b. in emergency foreign assistance over the next year to help the country recover after months of warfare and years of neglect under Idi Amin.

"We are going to perform a miracle here," Finance Minister Sam Sebageraka said in an interview. "The magnitude of aid we need is very, very large."

From his bare, sixth floor office, where even the pillows were pilfered from chairs by marauding civilians in the days following the fall of Kampala to Tanzanian troops, Sebageraka gestured sadly to the rows of looted stores and piles of debris which line the streets of the capital.

"What you see on the surface is better than what you don't see," he said.

The new government found the cupboard virtually bare when it took over. Foreign-exchange reserves were exhausted, and the important infrastructure which kept the nation running had either been carted away

piecemeal by retreating forces loyal to Amin or allowed to fall into ruin by the old regime.

Food has been scarce in many towns and urban centres, most of the country's trucks have been stolen, and reserves of petrol for the available transport is running dangerously low. A litre of petrol sells on the black market for as much as \$30.

Such essential commodities as sugar and salt were looted in huge quantities from government warehouses shortly after the fall of the Amin regime. A kilo of sugar used to cost 88 shillings (\$9.80) on the black market when it was available. Now, the "liberation" sugar is abundant and sells for 22 shillings.

In addition to the lack of transport and fuel, the key road running from Kampala to Kenya, the traditional route by which landlocked Uganda imports petrol and other essential commodities, is blocked by Amin loyalists holding the city of Jinja, 90 km. east of the capital.

Tanzanian officers said yesterday

that a task force of some 1,000 troops has closed in on Jinja — Amin's last known hideout, and reportedly still held by a force of 400-600 Amin men.

The Tanzanian column has so far not met any resistance, but refugees from Jinja reported that a roadblock of two Ugandan tanks and an armoured personnel carrier blocked the bridge over the River Nile at the gates of the town. The Tanzanians are expected to start their assault soon, but officers say it could be two weeks or more before the road is safe to use.

Some supplies are reaching Kampala from the Tanzanian capital of Dar Es Salaam, over a roundabout supply line involving trucks and trains which Ugandan officials say is impractical except on an emergency basis.

The government meanwhile has authorized an Englishman named Trevor Hill, who ran Uganda airlines under the Amin regime, to stay in his job in an effort to restore air communications with the outside world.

Hill has decided to base the airline

in Nairobi, which has a well-equipped airport. But one of Uganda's Boeing 707 transport planes was riddled with bullet holes — apparently by celebrating troops — and is now considered a total write-off. The airline has an antiquated German-made Fokker Friendship trimotor in sporadic service.

According to a statement made by Uganda's new President Yusufu Lule last week, the government has drawn up an "emergency plan" assigning priority to the import of "commodities essential to the health of the people."

These include food, medicine and materials to reconstruct housing which was destroyed by advancing Tanzanian troops and retreating Amin forces as they moved slowly across the country.

Judging by initial reactions from abroad, the new government has little reason to worry about getting financial assistance, even if not on the scale of a multi-billion dollar recovery programme envisaged by Sebageraka.

Terrorists blow up train to cut Ulster-Eire links

BELFAST (UPI). — Two Irish terrorist groups apparently combined yesterday in a daring train hijack and explosion that blocked the main rail and road links between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

A gang of about 20 armed men claiming to be from the Irish Republican Army and the Irish National Liberation Army hijacked a goods train minutes after it crossed the border into County Armagh in Ulster, the guard on the train said. In a bold daylight operation the gang surrounded a viaduct 2 km. north of the border and hijacked the train as it crawled toward the viaduct, the guard said.

Six or seven men loaded four milk churns packed with explosives on to the train, while others manœuvred five trucks to block the road above. The driver and guard were ordered off the train and alerted a nearby army patrol soon afterwards. Army spokesmen said three troops immediately cordoned off the

area, but the bombs exploded about 30 minutes after the hijack, blocking the main north-south road and rail links.

Soon after the blast, a caller who projected "The Belfast Telegraph" newspaper claimed the IRA was responsible for the incident. No claim was made by the two groups were operating jointly but with their political wings Paul Sar' claiming separate responsibility for the terrorist acts.

The INLA last month claimed responsibility for the House of Commons bomb blast in London that killed a Frank C. Neave. On Friday they also claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack on four women prison officers in New magh. One woman was killed — the full three injured.

Writer of threat to LBJ held for threatening Carter

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP). — A man accused of threatening to kill U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Senator John Durkin was held on \$25,000 bail at the New Hampshire State Prison on Friday.

The man, identified as Charles Breton, 55, admitted threatening former president Lyndon Johnson in 1968. A hearing was set for Thursday.

Robert Lynn, an assistant U.S. attorney for New Hampshire, said that Breton was accused of sending threatening letters to Carter on April 6 and a letter to Durkin, a New Hampshire Democrat, on April 8.

Court documents said a comparison with written threats kept on file by the Secret Service "revealed certain similarities in writing and phraseology between the subject letter and a letter written to President Lyndon Johnson on November 1, 1968, which Charles Joseph Breton had admitted writing."

Fat Muriel won't (or can't) budge

TIPTON, England (UPI). — It took five firemen, two ambulance men, two police constables and a doctor to lift Muriel Brown from the floor to a sofa.

That was on Tuesday, Muriel is still on the sofa, refusing to move even though her doctor wants to take her to hospital for treatment for obesity.

Muriel, 48, who fell and was unable to lift herself, says she weighs 318 kg and proudly claims to be Britain's fattest woman. But she refuses to go to hospital to lose weight.

"If I go in they wouldn't let me smoke. Those are my only pleasures in life, so I'm just not going."

Liberia university closed after riots

MONROVIA, Liberia (Reuter). — President William Tolbert has closed the University of Liberia, which he said was being used as a base for subversive ideas and ideologies.

Tolbert yesterday accused certain faculty members of using their classrooms to promote subversive ideas which had contributed to recent disturbances in Monrovia.

Bombing mars Rome birthday

ROME (Reuter). — Rome marked the 2,752nd birthday of its founding yesterday, but the occasion was ruined by a terrorist bomb which severely damaged one of the city's priceless monuments.

Extremists blasted the main door of Rome's historic Capitol, designed by Michelangelo, into several hundred fragments. Nobody was hurt in the explosion.

Up to now, in the current wave of political violence, attacks have usually been against undefended individuals or the offices of political parties. There was no immediate explanation for the change.

Telephone callers claiming to represent two different clandestine organizations — the "Armed Revolutionary Nuclei" and the "Italian Popular Movement" — claimed responsibility for the assault but did not give motives.

The bomb, estimated at 5 kilos, was set off at about 1 a.m. local time on Friday morning. It smashed the main door of the Senatorial Palace, which houses the city's administration, in the magnificent small square of the Capitol.

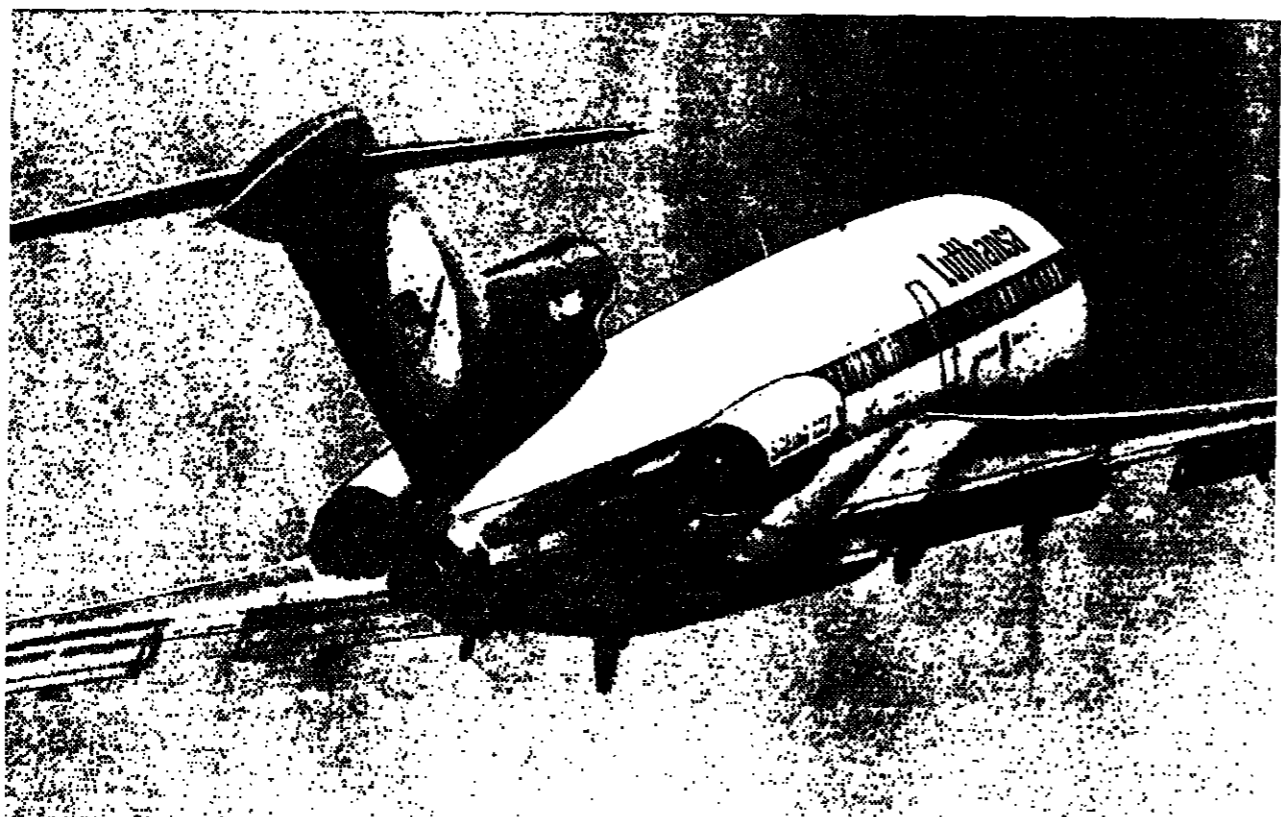
The door, surrounded by heavy blocks of marble, is at the top of two elegant marble staircases above a fountain. The explosion turned the main door into a gaping hole and shattered the Renaissance marble friezes bordering it into at least 237 pieces. Firemen and art experts spent hours on their knees collecting the precious splinters.

Anti-right bombing on Greek coup anniversary

ATHENS (UPI). — A home-made bomb blew out the windows of a central Athens bookstore yesterday, on the anniversary of the 1967 colonels' military coup, but caused no injuries.

Police said the bomb exploded shortly after midnight outside the bookstore which sells right-wing political literature and has suffered three previous bomb attacks.

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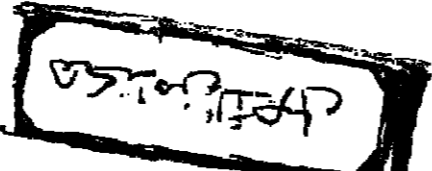


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U.S. Jews in an electoral quandary

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent



Sen. Birch Bayh: popular vote

WASHINGTON. — Nearly everyone recognizes that the political clout of American Jewry would suffer a serious — if not fatal — setback if the electoral college system of electing U.S. presidents is abolished.

states to select representatives for the electoral college, which eventually names the new president. Electors are supposed to vote for the candidate who received a majority in that state during the general election. But sometimes, they don't.

many traditional liberals in the Congress and among the public at large. Because American Jews, since the days of Franklin Roosevelt, have largely considered themselves liberals, this point has a natural appeal, even though they know that their political influence would suffer from any change in the present system.

Thus, in New York — and several of the other large states — Jews are considered a critical swing vote, on which the final outcome of an election could turn.

Bayh, who happens to be a solid supporter of Israel, and others before him have been trying to do away with the electoral college for many years, always without success.

Bayh proposal. Howard Squadron, president of the organization testified against the measure on April 3 before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Saudis losing grip on price value

By ROBERT ROSENBLATT The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON. — Saudi Arabia, whose massive oil-producing capacity has made it a safety valve of supply for a petroleum-hungry world, expects to restrict its production growth sharply and can no longer be a bulwark against fast-rising prices.

increase output far beyond the target level of 12 to 12.5 million barrels a day. Saudi Arabia now sends to the U.S. more than 1.3 million barrels of oil daily, compared with total U.S. consumption of approximately 19 million barrels daily.

nervous because the report discusses Saudi government feelings that some oil fields have been damaged by overproduction in the past. "The report goes into great detail that can be misunderstood," a spokesman for Standard Oil of California said.

WILL INDONESIA be the next country to be shaken by an Islamic revolution? There are many parallels between the situation in Iran before the Shah was toppled and that in Indonesia today.

Indonesia in line for Islamic revolt

By GEORGE OLIVER/Gemini News Service

As in Iran, the Indonesian government is committed to rapid modernization, has a poor rural population and a future which rests largely on rich reserves of oil. And of Indonesia's enormous population of 140 million, 90 per cent profess Islam.

The present government of President Suharto — who is himself a Muslim though strongly influenced also by Javanese mysticism — was given a sharp reminder of the strength of Islam in politics at the general election two years ago.

convinced that the government and the armed forces are hostile to the growth of Islam. The movement has been blamed for a recent spate of fires and bombings of mosques in some of the more strictly Muslim areas of Java and Sumatra, though why they select mosques as targets rather than Christian churches has not been explained.

province's specially granted Islamic status by taking it out of Indonesia altogether. It is not clear how far the Free Aceh movement is linked to Kommando Jihad. But the government is seriously worried by the disruption militant Islam could cause to the province's recently inaugurated natural gas plant, expected to be a major source of earnings over the next 20 years.

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THE COST of living is rising all over the world, but for no more than IL200 a day, you can still see a fascinating country in relative comfort.

The cheapest way of getting to India is a group flight from Topaz Tours in Netanya. Don't be surprised if the tickets are ready only two hours before take off. The current price is IL9,600.

Your ticket will be good for one month, but India only issues a 28-day visa on arrival at the airport. Don't worry! Once in India you can extend your visa for at least another two weeks. If in addition you want to extend your ticket, you'll need a medical certificate, easy to come by in this "disease-ridden country". For help coping with the bureaucracy, contact Able Moses, a local Jewish travel agent at "Our Musical Salon" in Byculla, Bombay (Clare Road) or the Bombay Gymkhana (Waudby Road).

Read up on India before you go. A one month stay is enough for a quick survey if you've planned well.

The best time to travel is from late September to December, and between February and April; otherwise you run into intense heat and the monsoons. Take light cotton clothes and make sure you have a sweater if you plan to visit Kashmir.

Money goes a long way in India. Don't change your dollars on the black market — you're liable to lose them all.

Plan to travel by train, it's the best way to meet people and relatively inexpensive. Hitchhiking is not recommended. Keep in mind the distances between major cities. The ride from Delhi to Bombay is 16 hours and costs approximately IL250. For those who aren't watching their budgets too closely, first class travel is most comfortable. Second class means hard wooden benches and is usually crowded, unless you travel in an air-conditioned chair car which is sometimes even preferable to first class. Meals and

Holy Cow!

For approximately IL200 a day you can tour India in comfort, writes Sharon Benjamin.



snacks are available during long journeys, but it's a good idea to take along a thermos of boiled water and sandwiches. Fruit can be bought at practically every railroad station. You can drink the tea and coffee everywhere.

Train tickets should be bought at railway reservation offices, usually located in the centre of town and not at the train station. Buy as much in advance as possible, even though a certain quota of tickets is reserved for tourists. Plan to spend at least two hours purchasing your tickets. Israel will seem efficient after you've tangled with India's bureaucracy. One of the achievements of Indira Gandhi's rule was that the trains ran on schedule. This is no longer true. The electorate apparently would rather be late than sterile.

Bus travel between cities is hot, crowded and you can count on several break-downs before reaching your destination.

Plane travel is expensive but recommended for visits to the remote temples of Ajanta and Ellora (near Bombay) and Khajuraho (near Delhi).

In the cities taxis are unbelievably cheap and buses often overcrowded. Just for fun try a motor rickshaw and a rickshaw pulled by a coolie. As appalling as the latter sounds, remember that at least he's making a living.

A list of hotels and guest houses, supplied by the nearest government tourist agency, will give you a wide selection of places to stay. Only if you are really on a IL a day budget should you ask around for something cheaper.

The "glatt" vegetarian restaurants frequented by orthodox Hindus are very clean and usually inexpensive. Don't buy from wayside vendors and drink only what you are sure is boiled water and bottled drinks. There is no lack of clean eating places in the large cities whatever the budget. When in doubt look for the "Kwality" chain of restaurants.

Try dosas (crepes stuffed with potatoes and typical of southern India), pulao (rice with mutton), chapatti (pita), papad (thin crispy biscuits made from spiced dough), chutneys and pickles, and Indian sweets.

Don't bother getting an international driver's licence, you can only rent a car with a driver.

Don't give money to beggars. If you give to one, twenty more will appear.

Do bone up on your Israeli battle history. Everyone will expect personal accounts of bravery.

Do take reams of toilet paper. Do find a rich Parsi (Zoroastrian) if you want to eat at the most expensive restaurants in Bombay and learn about a fascinating minority group commonly known as the "Jews of the East."

Do try to attend a Hindu wedding or at least get a glimpse of the bride in her red sari and the groom on horseback.

Do try "pan," an after-dinner digestive made from beetroot.

A last bit of advice: India is a totally different world with its unique customs and sometimes unorthodox philosophy. Accept it for what it is, try not to make value judgements and you're sure to have a wonderful time.

What to see:

□ For temple enthusiasts Ajanta, Ellora, Khajuraho, Madurai and Mt. Abu are a must.

□ Agra with its Taj Mahal. A guided tour is advisable.

□ Chandigarh, the most modern city in the world, a successful "development town," was designed by French architect Le Corbusier. This is what Yeroham could have looked like. The modern art museum and rock garden are worth visiting.

□ Amritsar's Golden Temple. Learn something about the turbaned sikhs.

□ Srinagar, Kashmir. Stay on a Class-B House

Boat on Dal Lake, visit Gulmarg. Kashmir has a terrible reputation for overcharging which is well deserved. Don't be charmed by the wares of the first vendor paddles his shikara (gondola) over the lake; another half dozen will be within the hour.

□ Benares for a quick stop-over only. The orthodox Hindus cremate their dead on the banks of the Ganges. Buy the best silk saris here.

□ Calcutta. Don't get caught in a workers' strike (there are 4 million workers in the city). Visit the last remnants of the once thriving Baghdadi Jewish community.

□ Hyderabad. The ancient Muslim capital, best viewed with a tour.

□ Cochin, seat of India's oldest Jewish community and the spiciest food in the country, a good place to be on Simha Tora.

□ Goa for fabulous beaches and a pleasant relax.

□ Bombay. See the Taj Mahal Hotel, a museum, the red light district, and a thriving Jewish community.

□ Jaipur and Udaipur for palaces and precious stones.

□ Delhi. Take a guided tour, go to the "Lumiere" at the Red Fort, and have a famous tandoori chicken (marinated yoghurt and barbecued) and nan (baked in a cloth and handcrafted) are cheap in Delhi. The best places to buy are the government-run large industries, the state emporia, and the store fronts on Janpath, where you can get your fortune told. Delhi is also the place to see Jewish families are very hospitable, especially to Lewis and Cohans around High Street.

time.

Sharon Benjamin was born and raised in Netanya. Now a Jerusalem resident, she returned from a tour of her native country.

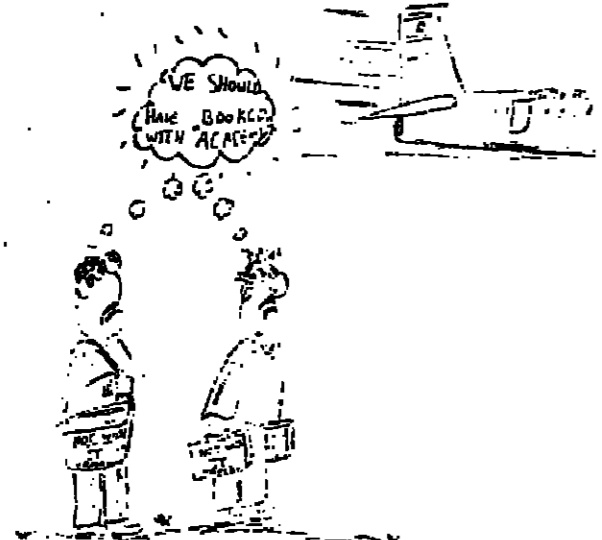
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Today Travel Abroad

WHEN ONE decides to make the 131 km. trip from Lisbon to the coastal village of Nazare, the decision involves more than just traveling to see historic architecture, famous battlefields or beautiful beaches. It involves people; a people steeped in a mode of existence based upon the sea and left relatively untouched by modern civilization.

In Nazare, there are no chic hotels or restaurants, only a crescent-shaped beach sharply defined by rows of whitewashed houses. The inhabitants, fishermen by trade and ancestry, bear history in their features, characterized by aquiline noses and sharp brows. The natives are descendants of ancient Carthaginian and Phoenician settlers. Their existence rests upon the sea, and the fundamental crafts and superstitions given them by their forebears.

Many of the Nazarene's archaic customs remain unchanged, though modern civilization is an increasing threat to their survival. Traditional attire serves to illustrate both cultural and historical background. As there are no pockets in the men's trousers, storage space is supplied through toques, or stocking caps, within which are kept necessities like a pipe, tobacco — even a crucifix.

These people, rough and sun-dried, wear plaids, along with their pocketless pants. Plaid patches appear on already faded tops and bottoms, though the tradition seems to be waning. The men's rough woolen trousers and the women's skirts are made of rainbow colours — said to be a legacy of Wellington's brilliantly dressed troops as they invaded the area during the Napoleonic Wars. Black shawls worn by women of all ages subdue their brightly coloured skirts. Generally touching the shoulders, but often reaching to the knees, the black shawl is a traditional indication that death has touched the family; and as the ships are small and the sea often violent, no family goes without tragedy.

The village of Nazare is geographically unique. There are two main sections: the Sitio and the Praia. The Sitio, almost exclusively residential, is an awesome peninsula of rock maintaining a sheer 120 metre drop to the sea. A weathered lighthouse crowning the tip of the massive rock, dominates the horizon. Within the lighthouse itself, the congenial keeper proudly showed me the intricate details of the lighthouse workings. Although I spoke no Portuguese and he no English, I understood completely.

Along the Sitio, overlooking the fishing quarter, is a site which reflects Portugal's Christian belief in revelations. In 1182, the Virgin Mary allegedly performed a miracle, saving the life of Fuaa Roupinho, a local lord. On a September morning Roupinho, in pursuit of a deer, rode dangerously close to the edge of the precipice. Lost in the early morning mist, riding straight towards the cliff-edge, the fog miraculously cleared, revealing the Virgin Mary — and the depths below.

In celebration of his life-saving vision, Roupinho constructed a chapel, roughly translated as the Chapel of Memory of the House of Our Lady of Nazareth.

THE PRAIA is the fishing quarter. It stands directly beneath the Sitio at the foot of the precipice, edged by the beach. Each day life continues, untouched by most modern inventions. Constant activity is a way of life. On the beach, women roast fresh sardines over charcoal braziers; a man owning a team of



This classical scene repeats itself every evening as oxen teams pull fishing boats in from the sea. Fishermen follow wearily behind, carrying the oars.

Plaid patches and pocketless pants

Photographer Richard Nowitz vacations in a remote Portuguese fishing village, as yet untouched by modern civilization.



A Nazare fisherman mends his bait box wearing the traditional plaid shirt and stocking cap. (Right) Fish pinned to a net to dry in the sun.



oxen hauls each of the fishing boats to and from the water's edge — morning and evening. Nets dry in the sun, bait baskets cover the beach, and the women tote the day's catch to the marketplace on their heads. Reflecting Nazare's Phoenician heritage, each boat is painted with a pair of eyes on the prow; reportedly to protect the fishermen from sea-serpents and other spirits. As the boats are launched into the surf, the men jump aboard and row post-haste to the calmer waters beyond the breakers. The women remain, watching them disappear; hoping they will all reappear in the evening. On shore daily activity builds up, as the women run the marketplace,

mend nets and care for the children. A visitor participates in village life through his very presence.

The marketplace is a great sensual experience. In this precinct one can touch, feel and smell the produce. The pungent odour of goat cheese and fish pervades the area where everything is fresh and has a specific vendor. Bread, freshly baked each fishing day, the women and children anxiously await the return of their husbands and fathers. At the beaching of the boats, all help to pull in the nets — hopefully full with a good day's catch.

When the sea is rough, no boats set ed in stone hearths, fresh fish and various types of raw produce are all

available. People challenge each other in the ancient system of bartering. It offers good fun and an unadorned view of the natives.

SILHOUETTED in the sunset at the close sail, instead time is spent, and great manual dexterity shown, in mending the nets laid out upon the sand. Adept hands are rough and calloused from constant use: from mending and hauling nets, drying fish and building boats. All that is done through sustained manual labour.

Within the confines of the fishing quarter, which extends from Avenida Vieira Guimaraes to the Praca Manuel de Arriaga, street

cleaners sweep with handmade brooms. People cook and converse on the sidewalks. The streets themselves are narrowly defined by crowded whitewashed houses and rise steeply from sea level towards the Sitio. Socializing and daily chores carry people outside their homes into the streets, where wash hangs to dry and canaries sing from cages hung on balconies. People gather to talk and the children run playfully throughout the quarter. This is the old way, the way of the Nazarenes.

In terms of accommodation, Nazare offers nothing by way of chic metropolitan hotels, but what's available is modern, efficient and

reasonably-priced. Hotel Da Nazare, Largo Afonso Zuzuetes, offers fine dining, featuring Nazare's fresh fish. A terrace on the roof places the Sitio in your lap and the fishing quarter before your eyes. Hotel Praia, 39 Avenida Vieira Guimaraes is the leading competitor and features a three-minute walk to the beach, sea-front rooms and a native decor. For those more earthy, an old-fashioned inn; Pensao — Restaurante Ribmar located at 9 Rua Gomes Freire. It sits directly on the beach where you can watch the fishermen at work.

BESIDES THE tourist accommodations, there are many cafes and restaurants which the native

people frequent. Annually, the Portuguese government designates April as tourist month to promote increased knowledge of its culture, and of the land itself. In late April there is a festival day where cultural groups dressed in the old-way demonstrate various facets of their country's ancient civilization. But time is short; modernization is rapidly displacing many customs in one of the most expensive resort areas on the European continent. As seen through Nazare's unchanging, yet threatened customs, Portugal offers the traveler fulfillment and understanding in terms of culture and natural wonders.

Her name was Dawn

TONY PITCH falls in love with an exquisite Roman.

I FIRST saw her in a photograph while researching a guidebook on Italy during a spell of army reserve duty. From that moment on I was straining at the leash to stand before her.

Her name was Dawn and I quickly learned where to find her in Florence, remembering the streets and noting the visiting hours. Months of research followed in museum and university libraries but always the vision of that first photograph haunted me. She lay there languid and nude, apart from a well almost concealing a strange gladem and falling over her right shoulder. A hand drawn tightly under her breasts emphasized their fullness. Her left arm was bent and suspended in the air, giving the impression it would drop immediately if she lifted her head from her shoulder. Her left leg was raised to arrest the downward diagonal movement of her body. This perfectly proportioned body with slender legs and an elongated frame played havoc with my senses.

Her facial expression worked a similar turbulence. Every movement of the eyes, or lips or cheeks betrayed her inner feelings. The complete face showed that though she must be in the peak of her physical condition, she had infinite experience with the ways of the world. Her maturity was self-evident but her expression showed that while having witnessed all and partaken of much, she could offer no answers to the meaning of it all. Caught in the moment of waking, between dream and reality, with her flawless limbs exposed to the world, she was pure and naive.

I flew into Italy with mounting exhilaration, dutifully doing the pre-arranged walking tours in Rome and then inching towards Florence by motor to the Medieval and Renaissance cities of Viterbo and Orvieto. The itinerary, which was to cover 12,000 kilometres of Italian rural landscape and hundreds of kilometres within the cities and towns, was going according to plan. Finally I was scheduled to arrive in the Tuscan capital, unsurpassed for the number of great craftsmen and artists it had sired and inspired. I thought of Donatello and Michelangelo, of Brunelleschi and Giotto, di Cambio, the Medici, Ghiberti, Pisano, Fra Angelico, Ghiberti,



ti, Cellini, Dante, Masaccio, Michelozzo and more. They were all shunted aside in the expectation of finally seeing Dawn.

The Arno was limpid when I arrived in Florence an hour before sunset, too late to visit her. She would be first on my list the following morning. I consoled myself at my late arrival by advancing on the Piazza Duomo and, like scores of others, found myself moving in to touch the pink, green and white marble facade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, uttering epithets of disbelief at its beauty and almost rejuvenating before paradise regained.

A clear blue Tuscan sky and a mild spring temperature added to my heightened sense of anticipation in the morning as I strolled towards the Piazza de San Lorenzo. Around the corner crowds were already queuing up and I was forced to shuffle in with them. I left them to the heavy prophery richness of the sarcophagi of Medici Grand Dukes in the Chapel of the Princes, almost running through towards the New Sacristy with its pietra serena and cooled interior.

I stopped in my tracks, aware of my unseemly haste in trying to reach Dawn. A few beads of sweat had formed above my upper lip and I knew my heart beat had quicken-

ed. I was standing before her and feeling as awkward as a teenager on his first date. I wondered if the other visitors in the room would sense my helplessness before this woman. Perhaps it would be prudent to move around and return after a decent interval? I stood rooted to the same spot, unable and unwilling to budge.

Much later that morning I finally took leave of her and found myself sitting on the steps of the Church of San Lorenzo, recalling what I had read of Michelangelo's epic struggle to create this extraordinary architectural-sculptural entity. It began in 1519 during the pontificate of Leo X when he accepted a commission from Cardinal Giulio de' Medici (later Pope Clement VII) to construct the New Sacristy of San Lorenzo. It was to enshrine the tombs of several of the Medici — Leo's father, (Lorenzo the Magnificent), Lorenzo's brother Giuliano (the Cardinal's father), the younger Giuliano, Duke of Nemours (Leo's brother) and the younger Lorenzo, Duke of Urbino (Leo's nephew).

Michelangelo, already drained physically from his monumental work on the Sistine Chapel ceiling, the tomb for Pope Julius, and his David, had decided to sculpt four allegorical figures from Carraran marble, to personify man's cycle within the days of his life. Dawn and dusk would eventually recline on the tomb of the Duke of Urbino while Night and Day would lie over the coffin of the Duke of Nemours. The project took more than 14 years, interrupted as it was by the demise of several popes, by the war between Florence and the Papal forces, and by Michelangelo's own flight into hiding in a Florentine campanile after the surrender of the city. His triumph in sculpting Dawn was even greater when measured against the fact that apart from Madonnas he had not until then sculpted a woman.

Half a year later the guidebook was finished. It ran to 800 pages but of necessity reference to Dawn was confined to a few lines. Nevertheless, I chose her from all other art treasures to describe the Tuscan capital: "Florence is, like Michelangelo's sculpture of Dawn in the Medici Chapel, palpitably desirable and impossibly inanimate."

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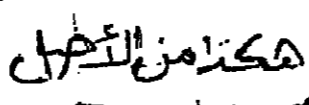
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Horror film fans count on Dracula

By VERNON SCOTT/United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Count Dracula is alive and thriving — as he has been for the past 62 years — although he is not as visible than ever.

The blood-sucking vampire is the subject of a Broadway play, a television series and two motion pictures in recent years of lying dormant in his coffin with only occasional forays to activity since 1931 when "Dracula" became a hit movie.

Hungarian-born Bela Lugosi proved that if a movie actor plays a role brilliantly once in his life will become forever associated with the characterization.

The white-faced, gimlet-eyed Lugosi played Dracula in a serious role only once, 48 years ago. At his death in 1956 his obituaries invariably tied him to the weird Transylvanian vampire.

Actually, Lugosi played Dracula twice, the second time in a 1948 "Abbey Road" episode where he met Bela Lugosi.

Lugosi, however, play all sorts of roles — European vampire types in the '30s and '40s, wearing a flowing cape, black suits, fangs and red eyes. He eventually became a drug addict and died in near obscurity.

DRACULA was revived somewhat in a series of English horror films most of which starred Christopher Lee. John Huxley once assayed the role, as did David Niven, playing an ageing Dracula. There was even a black and white version of the blood-thirsty count in "Dracula".

George Hamilton will soon be seen Dracula in "Love at First Bite." Paul Giamatti stars in the Broadway "Dracula," from which a movie is being made starring Frank Langella as the title role and Laurence Olivier.

Most visible Dracula in the U.S. at the moment is Michael Nouri, who portrays the kooky count in "The Count of Dracula," a weekly 20-minute segment of NBC-TV's "Hillbillys." It may become an early series next season.

Fourth, whose family comes from Middle East — "my father was in Baghdad." — is handsome and 34 years old. He looks like a leading man than the kooky nobleman-junglar freak.

DRACULA was the brain child of Bram Stoker, an English novelist who wrote the Gothic horror story of the 19th century.

CALIFORNIA SUITE Starring Jane Fonda, Walter Matthau, Elaine May, Michael Caine, Maggie Smith, Alan Alda, Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor. Directed by Herbert Ross. Screenplay by Neil Simon (Studio Theatre, Tel Aviv)

EVEN NEIL SIMON can have lapses. That's illustrated clearly in his alternately brilliant and overworked "California Suite," an imperfect up-again, down-again film adaptation of a long-running Broadway hit.

Probably America's best-known playwright, Simon is an acknowledged master of lacerating verbal repartee. He is greatly admired for his skill in fast-moving dialogue as if it were a life-or-death fencing match, stunning and swift as each blow thrusts home. His leading characters are inevitably pitted against one another in perfectly timed bouts of lunge and parry.

Director Herbert Ross and playwright Simon have worked in tandem before. "The Goodbye Girl" was a joyous collaboration. But they haven't been able to pull off the same coup in "California Suite," and the result is a work of uneven quality, for which both director and playwright must be held responsible.

The first — and best — segment of "California Suite," starring Jane Fonda and Alan Alda, is Neil Simon at his sharpest.

Fonda plays a sarcastic, too-bright-for-her-own-good "Newsweek" editor whose acid-tongued wit is just a cover-up for her own basic insecurity. The versatile Fonda (this year's recipient of an Oscar for her performance in "Coming Home"), delivers Simon's lines to perfection outlining but not entirely outdistancing her sparring partner-husband Alan Alda. But Director Ross's decision to tack on a gratuitous beach scene of Fonda-in-bikini unnecessarily interrupts the Simon magic.

In the next episode, Walter Matthau and Elaine May are coupled in a low-farce encounter that begins with promise and unwinds with tedium. Matthau plays a faithful, old-fashioned married man from Detroit who arrives in Beverly Hills for his nephew's Bar Mitzvah one night ahead of his wife. His "swinging" brother arranges for a sexy blond call girl to spend the night with him.

Wife (May) arrives while Matthau is still trying to manoeuvre the drunken prostitute out of his bed and into the corridor. But neither Matthau, the consummate straightman, nor talented comedienne Elaine May, is able to save Neil Simon's plot from deadpan decline.

The third segment, starring Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor, is by far the weakest of the quartet. Here the attempt is at pure slapstick with a host of gimmicks which seem to have been plagiarized directly from "The Pink Panther" series. Two



Maggie Smith and Michael Caine play an Oscar candidate and her homosexual husband in "California Suite."

CINEMA REVIEWS/Ruth Ariella Brojde and David George

Ups and downs of Neil Simon

black couples, successful Chicago doctors and their pampered wives, decide to holiday together in California. They are at each others' throats from the moment their rented car breaks down on the Los Angeles freeway until their final karate meet in one of the California Suites. The exaggerated slapstick ending is a combination of choreographed blows, skirmishes, black eyes, broken legs, and empty humour. Tak, Tak, Neil Simon.

Fortunately, the fourth episode has redeeming qualities which help to soften the disappointment of the middle two segments.

Maggie Smith (still in her prime), plays a tightly-wound, alcohol-loving English actress who has been nominated for an Oscar. She arrives at the California Suite with her devoted homosexual husband (Michael Caine), an ex-actor turned antique dealer. As the Academy Award ceremony approaches, Maggie becomes more and more anxious, drinking heavily, and taking well-measured swipes at her husband, who is hooked on the glamour, caviar, and other fringe benefits of his wife's movie career.

Their touching bedroom scene, after she fails to win the Oscar, reaffirms Neil Simon's genius.

RUTH ARIELLA BROJDE
HEAVEN CAN WAIT Starring Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, James Mason, Charles Grodin, Dyan Cannon, Beck

ill-tempered, impatient celestial escort (Buck Henry). It's not Heaven, but only a way station, he is informed.

Pendleton protests that a mistake has been made. He insists on an official inquiry and finally the archangel himself arrives, Mr. Jordan (James Mason), in suit and tie. Mr. Jordan checks the facts and indeed discovers that Joe was right. He's not due in heaven for another 50 years. Joe is rushed back to earth but, alas, too late. His body has already been cremated.

Mr. Jordan explains that his only option is to be reinstated in someone else's body, someone who is "on his way out."

Joe is only willing to return as an athlete — he has worked too long and too hard to be anything else, he tells Mr. Jordan — but he finally settles for the body of Leo Farnsworth, a wealthy businessman, who is in the process of being murdered by his wife Julia (Dyan Cannon), and her lover, Farnsworth's private male secretary, Tony Abbot (Charles Grodin).

Pendleton tries to get back on the football field by buying his former team, falls in love with Betty Logan (Julie Christie), and all seems well. Then enters Mr. Jordan, to remind Joe-Lee that it was only a temporary arrangement.

"So Joe enters his third, and presumably last, body as the film ends, in a celebration of life and the

triumph of that worker of all miracles: Love.
Don't miss this film.
RUTH ARIELLA BROJDE

DON'T ASK ME IF I LOVE: Starring Amos Kollek, Shelly Levrington, and Joe Cortez. Directed by Barbara Noble. (General release)

THIS FILM, unlike most Israeli productions, will probably sell very well outside Israel. It provides precisely those stereotypes that so often endear Israel to the hearts of outsiders.

While "Don't Ask Me If I Love" is based primarily on Amos Kollek's novel, it also draws heavily on the romantic, post-card images of Israel and Israel's portrayed in Leon Uris's "Exodus" and on the generalizations and misconceptions presented in Bruno Bettelheim's "Children of the Dream."

Asaf (Amos Kollek) and Rom (Joe Cortez) are on reserve duty in the Jordan Valley and are caught up in several bloody actions against terrorists. When they return to Jerusalem on leave they meet Lee (Shelly Levrington), an American woman who has come to Israel as part of an extended soul-searching trip. She has many Arab friends, and it turns out that one was involved in those raids. Rom recognizes his enemy and is killed in a shooting on a back street of Jerusalem.

Asaf does not know how to deal with Arabs in general, and he must decide whether or not to take vengeance by killing this particular Arab. He also struggles with his parents, his best friend Rom, and with Lee as well. Unfortunately no real character is built up for Asaf and he, like the others in the film, never assumes a meaningful identity.

The Israelis portrayed are heroes one and all. They are afraid of reflecting warmth or tenderness, are afraid of death, and though they are a generation removed from Alya Bet, they have precisely the patriotic values that their parents had. The men are handsome, stoic and hard. The women are all beautiful and project the kind of "Sabra sexuality" that novelists of the 1950s made famous.

The Arabs portrayed in the film are all pro-PLO and many of them are terrorists. They have feelings, but the film makes it clear that these are misguided at best.

As to Israel itself, the film shows only the most charming side of old Jerusalem and the magnificence of the desert. Every home is lovely, every street is clean and there is an atmosphere of carnival in the air at all times.

Israeli cinema has made some important strides in the past several years. Judd Ne'eman's "Stretchers Drive" gave a much more realistic feeling of what the army can be about. Elan Moshenson's "Wooden Gun" presents a much more human picture of the early psychological struggle within the nation. Ze'ev Revach's "Little Shraga" made a major jump in portraying class and social differences. This particular film takes a giant step backwards.

DAVID GEORGE

Dr. Yariv Ben-Eliezer

Who's Concerned With Ben Gurion's Good Name

Ten measures of pretence were allotted to the world. This week the Labour Party claimed nine unto itself when it came out in defence of David Ben-Gurion against the present Prime Minister. Of what does this pretence consist? It consists of the fact that in its attempt to strike at the Prime Minister, the "rebuttal team" attempts to pose as the defender of our first Prime Minister, and as owners of the copyright to his place in history. In fact, however, if one is to point to anyone who has diminished his exalted position and slandered and besmirched his good name — I believe I would not be far from the truth in stating that most of these are to be found in the very camp of the Labour Party.

Just look who has come out in defence of Ben Gurion: people associated with the historical Mapai group, the group that stoned him and attached derogatory labels to him at the time of the "Affair;" former members of Ahdui Ha'avoda, who rallied against him within the Palmah fighters group at the time the IDF was being formed; or perhaps those Mapam members who poisoned many young Kibbutz minds in their incitement of their youth against him.

Perhaps it is Yitzhak Rabin, of all people, who has now rushed to Ben Gurion's defence — Yitzhak Rabin, who, at the time that he was still undecided whether to adopt a hawkish or dovish stance, attacked Ben Gurion for agreeing to a territorial compromise on the West Bank at the conclusion of the Six-Day War, a compromise today flaunted proudly on the Labour Party banner.

Or might it perhaps be Gad Ya'acobi, one of the former chiefs of Rafi, who recently backtracked from some of the principles for which he fought in the past, and in the matter of the programme meant to perpetuate the memory of Levi Eshkol was stricken with a case of "historical amnesia."

And was it not Yigal Allon who labelled Ben Gurion a racist by attributing to the latter an election manoeuvre considered injurious to the country's Moroccan Jews. This, at a time when both were political adversaries.

Can it be that those hastening to the alleged defence of Ben Gurion are the selfsame people associated with that Labour movement which cast stones at him when he fought all alone, believing in the righteousness of his cause, but now hasten to don the false crowns of "followers in his footsteps" and "his disciples?"

Please note against whom these advocates of Ben Gurion have come to do battle: against Begin, who, on the eve of the Six-Day War, knew how to rise above personal and political animosity, to forego his own pride and to call upon Ben Gurion to resume his place at the helm of state — a proposal which, by the way, was foiled by the very "disciples" and "followers in the footsteps" of Ben Gurion, who today have been stricken with anxiety over Ben Gurion's good name and place in history.

I am not among the supporters of Menahem Begin's political and social views. Nor have I come out to defend his injured honour. I simply protest the pretence of those claiming to defend the honour of Ben Gurion, but who are actually not acting in all sincerity.

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Ben Gurion is in no need of anyone's advocacy. To the best of my knowledge he has never appointed any "supervisors" of his honour. History will judge the place due him in the nation's annals. No historical rewriting by the right or the left can dim the greatness of Ben Gurion and his acts prior to the establishment of the State and in the subsequent period. It would therefore be well for his disciples, or those who now attempt to bask in his splendour, to leave his name out of their political battles, and when embarking upon a campaign of denigration of the present Prime Minister, not to use Ben Gurion as a weapon in their arsenal.

(The author of the article is the grandson of the late David Ben Gurion)

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